

Symfonieorkest Vlaanderen

The Symfonieorkest Vlaanderen has developed into an innovative and flexible ensemble that places symphonic music at the heart of society. The orchestra was founded in 1960 by Dirk Varendonck, who was also its first conductor. In 1986, the orchestra took the name “New Flemish Orchestra”, with Patrick Peire, Robert Groslot and Fabrice Bollon as conductors. The orchestra has been known by its current name since 1995. Since then, David Angus, Etienne Siebens and Seikyo Kim, among others, were at the podium. Kristiina Poska has been Chief Conductor from 2019 to 2025. From January 2026, Belgian conductor Martijn Dendievel will take over the position.

Anchored in Flanders but with an open view of the world, the orchestra combines local commitment with international ambitions: from educational concerts in the districts of Ghent to its own concert series in Ghent, Antwerp and Bruges, to prestigious concerts and artistically innovative projects on renowned concert stages at home and abroad.

The Symfonieorkest Vlaanderen is supported by the Flemish government and the city of Ghent and has been based at the Muziekcentrum De Bijloke Gent since 2017.

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